ORDER No. E. 5204-261—C. R. B. 7-25-5, DATED 18TH MARCH 1926.

Government are pleased to approve of the recommendation made by the Central Recruitment Board.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Vice-President of the Mysore Soldiers' Board.

ORDER No. 2519-27—C. B. 180-25-1, DATED 25TH MARCH 1926.

Rajakaryaprasakta Diwan Bahadur Mr. M. N. Krishna Rao, B.A., Offg. Member of Council, is appointed Vice-President of the Mysore Soldiers' Board during the absence on privilege leave of Mr. K. Chandy, B.A., Member of Council.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Drinking Water Wells.

READ—

The statements showing the progress of the drinking water wells during the half-year ending 31st December 1925, received from the Presidents of the District Boards with the letters noted below:—

(1) Letter No. Per. 16-2—L. B. 25-26, dated 11th January 1926, from the President, District Board, Shimoga.
(2) Letter No. C. Per. 19-1-25, dated 12th January 1926, from the President, District Board, Bangalore.
(3) Letter No. C. P. 15, dated 13th January 1926, from the President, District Board, Kolar.
(4) Letter No. Per. 6-2-25, dated 12th—15th January 1926, from the President, District Board, Hassan.
(5) Letter No. Per. 8-1, dated 2nd—6th February 1926, from the President, District Board, Kadur.
(6) Letter No. Per. 67-25, dated 17th February 1926, from the President, District Board, Chitaldrug.
(7) Letter No. Per. 11-1—L. B., dated 17th February 1926, from the President, District Board, Mysore.
(8) Letter No. H. C. 666-25, dated 17th February 1926, from the President, District Board, Tumkur.

ORDER No. L. 6108-17—L. B. 48-25-18, DATED 20TH MARCH 1926.

The appended statement shows the progress made during the half-year. Information under allotments made by the District Boards have not been furnished clearly in the case of the Mysore, Hassan and Chitaldrug Districts. This should be rectified in the future reports. Separate information has not also been furnished in the several returns regarding the amount utilized out of Government grants as required in para 5 of Government Order No. L. 3222-31—L. B. 48-25-9, dated 2nd November 1925. Information in regard to this particular should be given in the next half-yearly return at least. The number of wells completed was 79 against 236 during the previous half-year. No well was completed in the Kadur District and only very few wells were completed in Shimoga, Hassan and Bangalore Districts, *viz.*, 1, 2 and 5, respectively.

2. One thousand and fifty-three wells at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,50,593 were in progress, against 1,155 wells at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,89,037 during the previous half-year. Excluding Rs. 454 collected in the Bangalore District, the total contribution received from the raiyats was Rs. 46,639, of which Rs. 13,662 was in cash and Rs. 32,977 by labour. One hundred and fifty-six wells were undertaken without the people's contribution, the largest number being 56 in the Kolar District and the smallest, *viz.*, 3 in the Shimoga District, while no such work was undertaken in the Bangalore District.

3. The progress achieved in the State during the period under review in regard to the construction of wells was not very satisfactory, only Rs. 27,366 having been actually spent.

4. The inconvenience of postponing the execution of well works to the tag end of the year was pointed out in reviewing the last half-yearly reports. It is hoped that proper instructions have since been issued for expediting the execution of works taken in hand and that the District Boards will fully utilise the Government grant and not allow lapses therein.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

STATEMENT.

Name of Taluk	District Board Budget allotment	No. of wells to be provided for	No. of wells completed	No. of well works in progress	Estimated cost of the well works in progress	Contribution from raiyats			Actual amount spent during the half-year	Well undertaken without the peoples' contribution	
						In cash	By labour	Total		No.	Cost
	Rs.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
1. Bangalore	10,000	44	5	135	59,330	..	..	454	1,338	..	..
2. Kolar	5,000	55	12	100	45,906	690	7,920	8,610	6,767	56	21,643
3. Tumkur	15,000	41	30	288	87,459	3,979	10,095	14,074	4,155	31	7,262
4. Mysore	10,000	320	15	190	47,358	490	4,995	5,485	3,975	26	8,572
5. Hassan	3,440	200	2	107	67,324	1,425	545	1,970	5,635	4	2,127
6. Shimoga	10,000	62	1	62	36,076	2,245	4,185	6,430	210	3	1,728
7. Kadur	7,185	2	..	31	22,477	3,012	3,109	6,121	535	10	7,420
8. Chitaldrug	14,556*	389	14	140	84,663	1,821	2,128	3,949	4,751*	26	9,115
Total ..	75,181	1,113	79	1,053	4,50,593	13,662	32,977	47,093	27,366	156	57,867

* Reported to be the amount available for expenditure.

Abolition of Bench Courts.

READ—

Government Order No. J. 4550-4600—Cts. 312-12-1, dated 10th May 1918, directing among other things the establishment of Bench Courts in places where it may be possible to constitute such courts under the Separation Scheme.

2. Government Order No. G. 6583-95—Cts. 213-17-18, dated 28th September 1918, constituting Bench Courts among other courts, at Sagar and Tirthahalli, in connection with the introduction of the Separation Scheme in Bangalore and Shimoga Districts as per Government Order No. G. 7962-69—Cts. 27-18-3, dated 1st November 1918.

3. Government Order No. G. 13546-58—Cts. 42-19-5, dated 10th December 1919, constituting Bench Courts among others at Mandya, French Rocks and Hunsur and Tarikere in connection with the introduction of the Separation Scheme in Mysore and Kadur Districts, as per Government Order No. G. 27798-805—Cts. 157-18-2, dated 12th June 1919.

4. Government Order No. G. 18547—Cts. 260-18-8, dated 12th February 1920, sanctioning the constitution of a Bench Court at Holé-Narsipur.

5. Government Order No. P. 15-27—Cts. 96-23-8, dated 24th October 1923, constituting Bench Courts among others at Kolar and Chikballapur in connection with the extension of the Separation Scheme in Kolar District as per Government Order No. P. 2040-52—Cts. 21-22-7, dated 5th October 1923.

6. Government Order No. P. 371-85—Cts. 25-24-6, dated 26th July 1924, sanctioning the constitution of Bench Courts among others at Saklespur in connection with the introduction of the Separation Scheme in Hassan District as per Government Order No. P. 710-26—Cts. 209-22-19, dated 16th August 1924.

7. Government Order No. P. 1558-72—Cts. 56-24-2, dated 23rd September 1924 sanctioning the constitution of Bench Courts at Maddagiri and Tiptur at the time of the introduction of the Separation Scheme in Tumkur District as per Government Order No. P. 1106-19—Cts. 37-24-5, dated 29th August 1924.

8. Representative Assembly Subject No. 7 of Birthday Session of 1925, *re* the abolition of Bench Courts in places where the Special Magistrates' Courts are also located and where there is not sufficient work for either.

9. Correspondence ending with letters as noted below from the District Magistrates of Districts.

District Magistrate,	Bangalore,	letter No.	426,	dated 16th September 1925.
Do	Hassan	J. C.	118,	„ 24th September 1925.
Do	Kolar		98,	„ 8th October 1925.
Do	Shimoga		147,	„ 17th October 1925.
Do	Kadur		30,	„ 28th October 1925.
Do	Mysore		279,	„ 9th November 1925.
Do	Tumkur		235,	„ 18th November 1925.
Do	Chitaldrug	12 A.	25-26,	„ 9th March 1926.

10. Correspondence ending with letter No. R. O. C. 837, dated 26th February 1926, from the Registrar, Chief Court in the matter.

ORDER No. P. 4582-92—CTS. 95-25-16, DATED 24TH MARCH 1926.

As the Separation Scheme was extended to Districts, Bench Courts were established in every Taluk and Sub-Taluk headquarter town in order to obviate, to some extent, the inconvenience and trouble to which the parties would be put by travelling long distances to the Special Magistrates' Courts. A representation having been made in the Birthday Session of the Representative Assembly of 1925, that where both the Special Magistrates' Courts and the Bench Courts are located in one and the same place and both the courts have not sufficient work, the Bench Courts may be abolished. The matter was investigated in consultation with the District Magistrates and the Chief Court. From the reports received from the District Magistrates, it is found that in the marginally noted places where courts of Special Magistrates and Bench Courts are located, there is not sufficient work for both classes of courts and that at Tirthahalli also where the Special Magistrate's Court of Shimoga holds court for about a week every month, the Bench Magistrate's Court has not got sufficient work. In the circumstances, Government consider it unnecessary to continue the courts of Bench Magistrates in the above mentioned places as the Special Magistrates who have not sufficient work can easily attend also to the work done by the Bench Courts.

Hassan District	Holé-Narsipur and Saklespur.
Kolar „	Kolar and Chikballapur.
Kadur „	Tarikere.
Mysore „	Mandya, French Rocks and Munsur.
Tumkur „	Maddagiri and Tiptur.
Shimoga „	Sagar.

2. Government therefore direct that the courts of Bench Magistrates mentioned below be abolished with effect from the 1st April 1926:—

1.	Hassan District	Hole-Narsipur
		Saklespur
2.	Kolar District	Kolar
		Chikballapur
3.	Kadur	Tarikere
4.	Mysore District	Mandya
		French Rocks
		Hunsur
5.	Tumkur District	Maddagiri
		Tiptur
6.	Shimoga District	Sagar
		Tirthahalli

3. The Special Magistrates will, from that date, take congizance of all classes of cases arising within their jurisdiction and hitherto tried by the Bench Courts hereby abolished. The District Magistrates concerned will arrange to transfer the cases pending on the files of the Bench Courts to the Special Magistrates in their respective jurisdiction.

4. A separate notification will issue withdrawing the powers of the Honorary Bench Magistrates of these Bench Courts.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Duty Allowances.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 6723-72—S. & A. 166-19-1, dated 24th March 1920, regulating the grant of Duty Allowances and stating that such allowances should be treated as "salary" for purposes of calculating leave and travelling allowances, but are not included in the term "emoluments" for purposes of pension.

ORDER No. Fl. 5438-97—S. & A. 82-25-1, DATED 25TH MARCH 1926.

Government are pleased to direct that Duty Allowances proper, but not Deputation Duty Allowances, be permitted to reckon for pension. This order will have effect from 17th March 1926.

Necessary amendments to the Mysore Service Regulations, will issue separately.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Administration Report of the Public Works Department.

READ—

Administration Report of the Public Works Department for the year 1924-25, received from the Chief Engineer of Mysore with his letter No. 530, dated the 3rd December 1925.

ORDER No. P. W. 3323-29—B., DATED 20TH MARCH 1926.

Recorded.

2. There has been a delay of over a month in the submission of the Report, and Government hope that necessary arrangements will be made for the submission of the same punctually in future.

3. *Personnel.*—Mr. J. Bhore continued to be Chief Engineer during the year under review, and Mr. K. R. Seshachar was Secretary to Government, Public Works, and Electrical Departments, and also Special Officer, Krishnarajasagara Works.

4. *Grant and outlay.*—The final grant for the department under all heads was Rs. 44,76,064, against which an outlay of Rs. 38,14,743 was incurred, resulting in a lapse of Rs. 6,61,321. Besides, an outlay of Rs. 2,50,863 was incurred from sources, such as, contributions, etc., bringing the total expenditure of the department during the year to Rs. 40,65,606 against Rs. 43,11,538 during the previous year.